GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE TO DRAFT LEGISLATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a small committee of political leaders to look into the issue of the draft legislation in the light of the Seven Member Constitution bench order in the P. A. Inamdar vs. State of Maharashtra case;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition, terms and condition thereof ;

(c) whether the Committee hold discussions with ail the stake holders including leaders of the minority communities;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether during the discussions on the proposed bill, the Government has not included the leaders of the communities which are in the forefroni in running higher education institutions of high quality ;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a)to(g) : A broad consensus among all the political parties in Parliament was arrived at, on 23.08.2005 that:-

(i) A Central Law should be drafted to address the issue of social justice.

(ii) The rights of minorities shall be protected under Article 30 (1) of the Constitution and

(iii) Representatives of political parties would offer continuous guidance in drafting the proposed legislation.Consequent to the above consensus, consultations have since been held and it has been decided to introduce a Bill in Parliament.